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WILLIAM WALLACE DAWLEY

Dr. W. W. Dawley was born September 20, 1850, at North Wilna, Jefferson County, New York. He received his education in the Academy at Antwerp, in Watertown High School, and in Hamilton College, from which he was graduated in 1875, from the classical course, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the following year he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws and was admitted to the bar in Utica. While studying for the bar he was also vice-principal of Amsterdam Academy, and, after his admission, he practiced law in that city for one year.

But neither in education nor in law was he to do his life's work. In 1877 he felt the call to the ministry and entered Colgate Theological Seminary, graduating two years later with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. During his seminary course he acted as pastor of the Baptist church at Whitesboro.

His successive pastorates before coming to Syracuse were at Guelph, Ontario; at the First Baptist Church at Gloversville; at the Woodland Park Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota; at the First Baptist Church in Duluth; and finally at the Central Baptist Church of Minneapolis. When Dr. Dawley went to Minnesota it was a missionary field with very few strong Baptist churches. The "Standard" of Chicago spoke of his work there as follows:

"Dr. Dawley came from New York to Minnesota in 1887. During the seventeen years of his residence in the state he has served as pastor of important churches in the three largest cities in the state: Woodland Park Church, St. Paul, six years; First Church, Duluth, three years; Central Church, Minneapolis, eight years.

"During his pastorate of the Central Church the indebtedness of \$12,000 has been cleared off, the church

building repaired and redecorated, the annual benevolent offerings increased nearly 100 per cent, and by the voluntary act of the church the pastor's salary increased three or four times. There has been a net increase in the membership of 120, and a flourishing mission has been established.

“His work in the pastorate, however, does not by any means show his value to the work in the Northwest, where he has been a tower of strength. Just to mention some of the positions he has filled will indicate how heartily he has entered into the denominational life of the cities, in his pastorates, and the state: President of the St. Paul Baptist Union, president of the Duluth Associated Charities, president of the Twin-Cities' Baptist Ministers' Conference and the Minneapolis Interdenominational Ministers' Conference, member of the board and executive committee of the State Convention during nearly all his residence in the state, moderator of associations and president Minnesota Baptist Education Society. Generous and accommodating, he has ever been ready to respond to calls for service. Lecturing, delivering sermons at dedications, assisting weak churches in evangelistic meetings, his time and strength have been freely given to the larger work of the Lord's kingdom while at the same time he was faithful to the church of which he was pastor.

“Judicious as a counselor, able as a preacher, faithful as a pastor, genial as a Christian gentleman, beloved as a friend and fellow-worker, Dr. Dawley, with the experience of his extended service in the state, easily ranks first as a leader in Baptist work in Minnesota.”

Returning east Dr. Dawley became pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Syracuse. During the six years of this pastorate a debt of \$22,400 was paid, and the church was signally blessed in all departments of its work.

In 1910 the Central Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church united, with Dr. Dawley as pastor of the combined congregations. During the next four years the magnificent temple now occupied by the church was planned and built, the dedication being held May 31, 1914. For more than a year Dr. Dawley served as pastor in the new building, but in April, 1915, was compelled by illness to relinquish active work, and in August was made pastor emeritus.

In many localities he has received signal honors. In 1899 Colgate University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Besides the various positions held by him in Minnesota as mentioned in the quotation above, he has, since coming to Syracuse, been president of the Ministerial Union and trustee of the New York State Baptist Educational Society.

At the request of the American Baptist Publication Society Dr. Dawley wrote a most valuable book entitled "Truths that Abide". Of this book the "Watchman" of Boston spoke as follows:

" 'Truths that Abide.' Under this title Dr. W. W. Dawley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Syracuse, has given a terse, brief treatise on theology for young people. In sharp, simple phrases he presents the substance of many more voluminous volumes on systematic theology. Without the use of theological terms, he states the evangelical views of God, man, the Bible, salvation, sin, sanctification, church polity and of things to come. The whole ground of theology is covered from Deity to Eschatology, and yet the reader never realizes that he is studying theology, so interestingly are the points stated, and so naturally is the thought developed. The little book is primarily intended for young Christians, that they may be rooted and grounded in the truth, but there are many older people who will be glad to take this easy and engaging course in theology with Dr. Dawley."

The "Examiner" commented on "Truths that Abide" in part as follows:

"Twelve lessons on the most momentous themes with which we are, in part, familiar, viz., God, Man, Revelation, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, etc. Old themes, these are, but they are here presented and compacted so as to make intensely interesting reading."

He has also done much lecturing, two of his best known lectures being "Grumbling" and "The Other Fellow."

In the midst of his many busy pastorates, Dr. Dawley has always taken a deep interest in all agencies designed for the uplift of humanity. His interest has been particularly keen in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association and in all lines of educational work.

Undoubtedly the culmination of Dr. Dawley's career is found in the uniting of the two churches, which now constitute the First Baptist Church of Syracuse, and in the erection of its wonderful house of worship. For more than five years he has served the united churches with complete success. Perfect harmony has prevailed. Tremendous difficulties have been overcome. Enormous financial burdens have been successfully provided for. The membership has been largely increased, and the church has been greatly blessed spiritually.

Tender as a woman, manly as the manliest of men, combining the simplicity and directness of childhood with the wisdom of ripe experience, sympathetic in sorrow, yet cheerful and even jovial on occasion, untiring in service, devoted to the work of his church and of the Christian ministry, Dr. Dawley stands out today as one of the foremost preachers and pastors of his denomination in America; and, best of all, he holds a position in the love and reverence of his people such as it is given to but few men in all time and in all the world, to inspire.

January

Happy New Year to each and all of you, whether old or young. Happy may you be in doing all that God may reveal to you as your duty. Happy may you make others who are in need of a tender touch, a radiant look, a cheering word, or a timely lift. Happy may you make your church by your exhibition of a real Christian spirit in all your dealings with others; in your readiness to fall into line with what the majority think wise and best; in emphasizing the encouraging features of its work, and in thinking of your fellow-members at their best. Happy may you make those whom you have chosen to supervise the interests of the church by a cheerful co-operation with one another; by giving to the extent of your ability towards furthering the many activities in which we are engaged; and by daily interceding for one another at the Throne of Grace.

New experiences, and sweet, in your whole life may you realize. New avenues of service for God and mankind may you frequently discover. New views of God and His revealed truths may you gain daily. New strength may you feel, infilling your soul and invigorating your body. New love may you find, thrilling your heart and impelling you to seek the salvation of those about you. New pleasures may you know, enrapturing your being as you see that your labors are not in vain. New virtues may you reveal, transfiguring your life. New graces may

there be given you, crowning your character. New friends may you make to help when the way is hard, to lift with you when the burdens are heavy, and to stand by you when hopes are crushed and griefs bite and sting.

A Year filled with rewards, rich and rare, for services rendered in love and faith, without the thought of recompense; a year abounding with successes from opportunities seized and seasons observed; a year like a beacon-light, guiding your way and beckoning you on to to greater achievements ahead; a year made memorable by the greatness of your faith, the grandeur of your thoughts and the growth of your spiritual being; a year signalized by your championship of the right, your conquest over the wrong and your charity towards all people; this and more is what your pastor would like to help you to be and for which he will strive and pray.

January

FIRST

I will help as many as I can, in all the ways I can, as often as I can; and see in others all the good I can and remedy all the bad I can, whenever I can, that I may be a help to God and better things all I can.

SECOND

The new year will not be an oasis where we are to settle down in indolent ease, but an opportunity for strenuous and productive endeavor.

THIRD

The inspiration of life comes from the sympathetic words and the sympathetic touch of those dear to us.

FOURTH

God gives His personal supervision to your life and mine.

FIFTH

In spite of its mistakes the church of God is the best society in the world to-day, holding out the highest ideals and proffering the greatest helps to the feeblest people.

SIXTH

Purity and power are almost synonymous in the religious world.

SEVENTH

Residences do not make or mar a city, but residents do.

January

EIGHTH

Let God come into a life as a companion, and a man can be happy in a dungeon or a palace.

NINTH

If you are carrying happiness into a human life and help to a human soul, you are on the highway to the sweetest pleasure that ever thrilled your soul.

TENTH

If you are in the Kingdom, remember there is another out of it whom you ought to seek to bring into it.

ELEVENTH

We ought to have kings crowned here—young men born into the Kingdom of God and imperial in character.

TWELFTH

The church of God is an association of imperfect people who are making toward perfection under the tuition and superintendence of the Perfect One.

THIRTEENTH

Faith in Almighty God will not supplant your own ingenuity nor make unnecessary your best judgment and best work.

FOURTEENTH

God wants not so much leadership in great things as people to do the inconspicuous things that may contribute to a glorious victory. One Dewey, but many soldiers! One President, but hosts of citizens!

January

FIFTEENTH

The possibilities of obedience to Almighty God are very large, and the results both helpful and lucrative.

SIXTEENTH

God has always used the choice instruments of youth for His purposes and the accomplishments of His grandest achievements.

SEVENTEENTH

Habit always carries us in the direction in which it is itself headed. It may lead us to heaven, home and happiness, or to peril, penury and perdition.

EIGHTEENTH

It is a great thing to be a friend of Jesus Christ, for it brings great disclosures of the divine purposes and plans.

NINETEENTH

The way the members of a church do business will settle how much business the church can do.

TWENTIETH

Your life can contribute to the uplift of the world and the down-bringing of heaven into that world.

TWENTY-FIRST

The faith that Jesus wants us to have is trust enough in Him to do His bidding. This is obedience to His revealed will.

January

TWENTY-SECOND

The joy of an obedient people was in a God who could wring rain out of a blazing sky, could pile up waters to make for them a dry pathway, could tunnel mountains, make crooked paths straight, and bring light out of darkness.

TWENTY-THIRD

Sacrifice is absolutely essential to true friendship, and the delight of the true friend is to make that sacrifice.

TWENTY-FOURTH

Carving character is a choicer calling than cutting coupons, and making manhood better than making money.

TWENTY-FIFTH

The demand of the age is for drivers, not dreamers; pushers rather than pouters; workers rather than worriers.

TWENTY-SIXTH

Pleasures are meant of God for a wise purpose, but they are not to be made the chief aim of life.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

You will never know how weak your faith is until it is tried, nor how strong your God is until you try Him.

TWENTY-EIGHTH

Rejoicing is more refreshing than repining; singing is more salubrious than sighing; smiling is sweeter than scowling; whistling is more winsome than whining.

January

TWENTY-NINTH

The loveliest flowers sometimes bloom in unloveliest places, and the noblest characters can be builded amidst the most unfavorable surroundings.

THIRTIETH

Temper can be modified, controlled, educated and trained until it becomes tractable, thereby contributing help to its possessor.

THIRTY-FIRST

It is a sin for you to be satisfied with the good things when you can have the better, and you are sinful to be satisfied with the better when you can have the best.

February

UNCONSCIOUS INFLUENCE

I walked into the vestibule of a photographer's rooms the other day and stood near the rooms awaiting some one to attend to my orders. As I stood in the hallway I heard a continuous ringing of the electric bell, and wondered what it meant and who was so persistent in his calls. Soon a gentleman approached me, and, as the bell kept ringing, I jokingly said, "I am not ringing it." He smiled and said, "I guess that you are standing upon it." He motioned me to step aside and as I did so the noise ceased. I had been standing on the electric button that had been placed underneath the carpet so that each customer would ring the bell as he came in, but I knew it not. I had been setting in motion forces without knowing it.

So we are all unconsciously stirring up forces in others' lives. We meet in society, congregate together in church, associate in business, or rejoice together in festive throngs, and know not that we are as surely awakening powers or giving direction to impulses in others' hearts, as I was exciting the electricity while unconscious of it. We are unknowingly to ourselves through our daily lives doing that which may ring the bells of hope or toll the knell of despair for those who are watching us while we think not.

February

FIRST

Great things, like happiness, come to men when they are not looking for them, and many a jewel is espied when seeking another's weal.

SECOND

Habit may be a benignant ruler or a satanic despot. It is like gravitation, unseen but not inoperative.

THIRD

My part is to trust my Lord; His is to see that it comes to pass. My part is to begin; His is to see me through.

FOURTH

Don't worry your soul thin fretting because of evil doers, nor waste your strength worrying over troubles that have not yet come to you.

FIFTH

Perfect people are not over-numerous, neither do they tarry long in this world. There never was but one faultless Being here, and Him they put to death.

SIXTH

You can call Almighty God in a whisper and have Him in your home if you call Him, and as a traveling companion if you will invite Him to accompany you.

SEVENTH

Both happiness and hardship are brought into our lives by others. Both weal and woe enter our homes with some visitors.

February

EIGHTH

Hope is anticipation with a reasonable ground of expectancy. It has two elements, desire and expectation united.

NINTH

The church of God was original with God and given to the world as the fruit of His wisdom and evidence of His love.

TENTH

A man's life-work is like a deposit committed by Almighty God to him; the way to guard the deposit is to let Him lead the man in performing it.

ELEVENTH

Purpose, plan and push are the trinity that bring success. But not even two of them amount to much without the third.

TWELFTH

God judges us by our designs as well as our doings. He sees our aspirations, while our friends see only our attainments.

THIRTEENTH

The weakness of one may be an over-growth of sin and that of another an under-growth of grace.

FOURTEENTH

When God calls and opens the way He supplies the means for the accomplishment of the end.

February

FIFTEENTH

Every branch is itself taken away or has something taken away from it; is either pruned or plucked.

SIXTEENTH

Three things are an abomination to God and a libel on man—a know-nothing, a do-nothing and a be-nothing.

SEVENTEENTH

Faith in God coupled with your own capability will bring you to a work you can do, and that work performed will meet the exigency of the hour.

EIGHTEENTH

Certain elements are necessary to true friendship: First, agreement on the great fundamentals of life; second, unselfishness; and third, unwillingness to either give or take offence.

NINETEENTH

Not he who rules over the most, but he who helps the most, is the greatest man according to the divine measure of greatness.

TWENTIETH

It is the discovery in us of metal in quantities large enough to pay for working that occasions our being put into the crucible.

TWENTY-FIRST

It is a great thing to be near the kingdom, but it is a greater thing to be in it.

February

TWENTY-SECOND

Great occasions evoke great powers for the accomplishment of great ends.

TWENTY-THIRD

Christianity is the only thing that gives you a hope of the life that we live here and also of that which is to come.

TWENTY-FOURTH

It is a mistake to think the church is simply a banqueting place for Christians to enjoy themselves. It is a drill house for discipline, a training place for toilers.

TWENTY-FIFTH

Make your life so tell that your home, your community, your nation, may be better because you have lived and influenced them.

TWENTY-SIXTH

The thing that made Ruth famous was what she did for somebody else, and that thing opened for her a life task, big with possibilities and blessings.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

You may have too many friends as well as too few. Friendship, like money, may be a curse as well as a comfort, a hindrance as well as a help.

TWENTY-EIGHTH

Our character and our tastes determine what will afford us pleasure in life. The way we develop them early in life will settle what we will seek later.

March

If we could catch some glimpse of that which God knows, some of these hard strokes would seem to be the touch of a loving hand, and many of the obstacles over which we have to climb would seem to be but inspiration touching the gold crowned summits beyond.

March

FIRST

God not only forgives sin but He supplies every need of the forgiven sinner.

SECOND

Character is a building unseen, but constructed by works that are seen; an entity that cannot be handled, and yet is the work of hands.

THIRD

It is easier to promise than to fulfill; to hire out than to work out; to think what you'll do than to do what you think.

FOURTH

It is an awful thing to be a traitor, and because he has been loyal once won't make acceptable his treason, nor thwart its baneful results.

FIFTH

The Great Commission might be paraphrased thus: Go everywhere; preach to every person and save everything.

SIXTH

It is not what we have in the heart, but what we express, that is a tonic to the tired toiler.

SEVENTH

We cannot make the departed happy by making ourselves miserable, nor make the memory of them sweeter by being sour ourselves.

March

EIGHTH

It is the greatness and immediacy of danger that fire great souls and fascinate heroic men and women.

NINTH

If God has blessed you, He has done it for a purpose. If God has delivered you, He has done it in order that you might help someone else.

TENTH

The conquering church will be a consecrated church, becoming triumphant by turning to the triumphant Christ.

ELEVENTH

A man may believe something without accomplishing much, but he can't accomplish much without believing something.

TWELFTH

The mission of salt is to preserve, to cure and to save. The Christian is placed in this world to save all that is worth helping.

THIRTEENTH

The great question is not how we can get up to heaven, but how can we get heaven down to earth.

FOURTEENTH

You can tell what a man wears in his heart by what wares he keeps on his shelves.

March

FIFTEENTH

The church that isn't ministering to this world isn't Christian, for the Christ came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

SIXTEENTH

Do not talk religion to a distressed soul until you have tried to relieve his misery. A loaf of bread for his stomach may open the door to his heart.

SEVENTEENTH

You are not going to win many by printing dodgers and hiring messenger boys to leave them at people's doors, but you may by your personal presence and help in their homes.

EIGHTEENTH

When God opens the way it leads to something,—something of worth and something worth doing.

NINETEENTH

The world watches us six days in the week to learn what we mean by what we do on the seventh.

TWENTIETH

The man who creates a good habit in himself creates a momentum that will help himself over the hard spot ahead.

TWENTY-FIRST

Our friendships can either make or unmake us, according to their character.

March

TWENTY-SECOND

Adherence to the principles taught by Jesus Christ, other things being equal, makes you stronger physically than any other one thing.

TWENTY-THIRD

"The other side," that of the other fellow, is the side we know too little about, and the side in which we are too little interested.

TWENTY-FOURTH

If God meant us to live half of our lives in the light He meant us to spend a part of our time in delight.

TWENTY-FIFTH

Faith jumps on reason's shoulders, and from its loftier outlook discovers what reason cannot see.

TWENTY-SIXTH

You cannot take Jesus Christ into your life and not be a bigger and better person than you were before.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

The time to put out the fire is before it has burned the building, and the time to put away wrong-doing is before it has ruined your life.

TWENTY-EIGHTH

It is an exceptional thing for a man to give as much to his church as to his lodge.

March

TWENTY-NINTH

Men may prove false, God never. Men may lie, but God cannot.

THIRTIETH

God can never be surprised, and no enemy can take Him unawares, neither can hard times throw Him into bankruptcy.

THIRTY-FIRST

The mightiest thing in this world aside from Almighty God is thought. Get a man to think and you have made it impossible for him to remain long what he is now.

April

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

The children of Ephraim fled from their enemies in the day of battle because they had not fled from their sins before the battle. Had they kept sin out of their lives before they met their foe, they might have kept their foes out of their city in the time of conflict. If we wish to conquer the foe whom we face, we need to look well to our living before we meet him. We cannot do anything we wish to-day and expect God will deliver us to-morrow when our temptations and foes get the best of us.

April

FIRST

God never created a single thing unless He did it to fulfill a specific purpose in His economy.

SECOND

Every time you let evil come into your life you are weakening your ability for the work ahead. Present sin means future impotence.

THIRD

The Bible is a religious book given for religious instruction, and not a treatise on science, philosophy or political economy.

FOURTH

Not all men that live in the same community are alike in character and conduct, and will not be in their compensation.

FIFTH

God Almighty is calling to men to-day as in years gone by to use what He has given in compliance with a divine order.

SIXTH

Every one of us has two things to face, prospect and retrospect; two things of which to think, that which we hope for ahead and that which we have done behind.

SEVENTH

Jesus Christ is a congenial companion, a faithful friend, a powerful partner, and a sure Saviour.

April

EIGHTH

Chariots of iron can't work in softened clay, but God is not hampered by clods, wet or dry.

NINTH

The greatest work which has ever been done on earth is trying to help our fellow men into the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

TENTH

Just imagine what soldiers would do if each fought just as he felt like doing! How much mightier and more effective they are when working according to the commander's mind.

ELEVENTH

When impatient desire gets hold of the reins, your carriage is apt to run into the ditch.

TWELFTH

A ministering church will grow in numbers, in spirituality and in harmony.

THIRTEENTH

If your religion does not make you better at home, truer in society, and more upright in business, do not expect your acquaintances to covet it.

FOURTEENTH

Don't worry about dying grace, but seek living grace. Live right and your dying will be right.

April

FIFTEENTH

You ought to have some part in swinging a world into line with Jesus Christ, and replevying a lost world for God.

SIXTEENTH

God's purpose doesn't need any dishonest means to help it along, nor His church artificial stays to keep it from falling.

SEVENTEENTH

Light and human disease are deadly enemies, and light and sin cannot get along amicably in the same heart.

EIGHTEENTH

Jesus Christ means that you and I are to be what He is, and proffers all that is needful to make us such.

NINETEENTH

Christians must see God for the world, must hear God for them and take God's grace to them.

TWENTIETH

Tongue and temper are tied together, and he who can control the one is master of the other.

TWENTY-FIRST

You can't sow tares in the shape of bad thoughts and garner wheat in the shape of a good life.

April

TWENTY-SECOND

Take the present tense out of the twenty-third psalm and you haven't much left. Write IS in capital letters.

TWENTY-THIRD

Custom is changeable and capricious, but Christ is changeless and constant.

TWENTY-FOURTH

What couldn't you do if instead of being moulded you would mould sentiment, thought, conviction?

TWENTY-FIFTH

The best things in this world are not purchasable by money, but both rich and poor can have them by co-operation with God.

TWENTY-SIXTH

God wants to impart Himself to us and bring us into loving fellowship with Himself and make us recipients of His power for service.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

God is willing to bear our burdens, forget our past, forgive our sins, and look after our future.

TWENTY-EIGHTH

Man, you may give your money, but God wants you and will be satisfied with nothing less.

April

TWENTY-NINTH

Christopher Columbus came that he might discover a world; Jesus Christ came that he might recover a world.

THIRTIETH

The more you do, the more you will be able to do.

HE KNEW IT NOT

Late one winter night as I entered a street car, when the thermometer registered something like twenty-five degrees below zero, I saw a man come in carrying a bundle in his arms, closely wrapped, while he had no overcoat upon himself. I wondered why he should be out such a bitter night without an overcoat to protect him from the biting cold. As he sat down he began to loosen slightly the wrapping around the mysterious package in his arms, and as he did so the passengers beheld a sleeping boy enfolded in the father's own overcoat. To protect the little lad from possible danger he had taken off his own coat and put it around the child he loved more than he did himself. But that slumbering lad was all unconscious of the love that was shielding him in his repose, and probably never knew how his father had shivered in the cold night to keep him warm and safe.

Then said that heart of mine to me as I still gazed upon the father and son, "so hath thy Heavenly Father thrown about thee His protection in the hours when thou knewest it not, when thou hast slumbered amidst perils, or walked among dangers of which thou didst never know."

May

FIRST

Faith that cannot be seen is not worth having, and a religion that will not lift is spurious. True religion is both tactful and tactual.

SECOND

Christ came to found a visiting religion, for pure and undefiled religion is to visit others and keep oneself.

THIRD

Duty is always in the positive degree and present tense. There is no superlative degree nor future tense in duty.

FOURTH

Help us to carry joy not sorrow into another's heart.

FIFTH

In every career you will find something worth praising, if you look for it.

SIXTH

Don't lose heart: Time won't be called until you have a chance.

SEVENTH

That which Adam forfeited, Jesus Christ restores.

May

EIGHTH

It is not that which you have attained, but that which you are running after that fires the powers within you.

NINTH

The mouth that opens oftenest to praise tastes most of the sweets of Heaven.

TENTH

There isn't one in the cloistered cell, in the jungles of the old world, in the prairies of the new world, or in the bustling city, who hasn't fed on the wares of our God.

ELEVENTH

God never gave you a gift, whether head or heart, mind or muscle, without having something in mind for you to do with it.

TWELFTH

The time a fallen one needs most a helping hand is when he is trying to get up.

THIRTEENTH

A rumor, like a snowball, grows bigger and bigger the farther it rolls.

FOURTEENTH

The divine spirit makes a disciple dutiful, decided and dauntless.

May

FIFTEENTH

No ever-living brook of perennial bliss flows from the heart in which no gratitude lives.

SIXTEENTH

If a man puts a force into another life, he has put something into this world that will never die.

SEVENTEENTH

Did you ever think of this: Think and thank come from the same stem. Then he who thinks ought to thank.

EIGHTEENTH

A Christian is a man plus Jesus Christ.

NINETEENTH

A man's ambition will determine largely not only what he will be, but how he will end his life.

TWENTIETH

Get riches, and then be rich in good works.

TWENTY-FIRST

Merit and manhood, womanhood and wisdom, cannot be bought with money.

May

TWENTY-SECOND

It is easier to go with the crowd than to go against it; easier to go with the crowd than to break through it.

TWENTY-THIRD

There is good enough in any of us to justify God in seeking us, and evil enough in us to encourage Satan in trying to gain us.

TWENTY-FOURTH

Not where we live, but what lives in us, is the prophecy of where we shall live by and by.

TWENTY-FIFTH

Grant, O Heavenly Father, that we may realize the sublime possibilities that are ours!

TWENTY-SIXTH

The hardest problem I have to face is how to rule, not others, but myself.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

Society is swept with one craze to-day, another to-morrow—fasting one day, feasting the next.

TWENTY-EIGHTH

There is something abiding in the faith of Jesus Christ.

May

TWENTY-NINTH

Our possessions may come by fraud, force or favor.

THIRTIETH

Let us keep alive the memory of our soldier-dead by standing by the principles for which they fought, and making secure the possessions which they won.

THIRTY-FIRST

What will satisfy people depends upon what is in people.

June

I believe in a religion that has a dividend here and now. I believe in a faith that works to-day. That is all we need to know about it. I do not need to solve high problems. I do not need to have a system of philosophy. I do not need to know all about God. All I need to know is that His trust works. That is trust in God.

June

FIRST

Our richest blessings come to us when we are bearing our heaviest burdens, walking the gloomiest pathway, or climbing the most rugged mountain.

SECOND

No storm can sink a bark that carries in it the Son of God.

THIRD

You can judge a man by the enemies he makes, as well as the friends he has.

FOURTH

We are all builders, but none are contractors in the matters of character. Each creates his own, and not another's.

FIFTH

A thing so small that we count it nothing is sometimes big in God's sight, and carries in it germs of splendid achievements.

SIXTH

You can trace every gift back to the original giver—God.

SEVENTH

The common people have always been dear to God and from them He has selected His choicest followers and most efficient workers.

June

EIGHTH

A church that has a spiritual knowledge and is willing to reveal that knowledge will stand.

NINTH

God can make great use of a man who has made a mistake, when he is willing to get away from it.

TENTH

What one stands for will determine what he will have to stand against.

ELEVENTH

The greatest thing for me is to know what to live for, and then to live for it.

TWELFTH

Banes, bothers and burdens beset every believer, but Christ is more than sufficient for them all.

THIRTEENTH

Three things will come to those who listen to God and walk with him; success, stability and sustenance.

FOURTEENTH

One of the greatest inspirations of life is to be conscious that some one loves us.

June

FIFTEENTH

God's thoughts are like a piece of art carefully designed and carefully thought out—like a piece of tapestry, each thread colored to harmonize with the others.

SIXTEENTH

Wealth never satisfies. The more a man has the worse he wants more.

SEVENTEENTH

You don't need to plant weeds to have them grow. They grow of themselves, like sin, without cultivation.

EIGHTEENTH

The reason God's word amounts to so little in some lives is that it does not have a fair chance, being choked to death.

NINETEENTH

Salvation is free, but transportation isn't. It costs something to carry Christ to the lost.

TWENTIETH

Your home wouldn't be secure if you were to remove from it the protection of a Christian civilization.

TWENTY-FIRST

God has indissolubly linked together the home and foreign field. There is in His sight only one mission filled, the word.

June

TWENTY-SECOND

If there has ever been an act of Providence that cannot be mistaken, it is the bringing to our shore of different nationalities to go back and tell the story of Jesus Christ.

TWENTY-THIRD

Once get a glimpse of what God would have you be, and you nevermore can be what you are and be contented.

TWENTY-FOURTH

Christianity is a real thing, the right thing, and the thing for a sinful world.

TWENTY-FIFTH

It is easier to begin than to complete, to start in the right way than to keep in it.

TWENTY-SIXTH

Christ has left us not merely a text book but a life.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

It is better to blunder trying to do something than to blunder in not attempting anything.

TWENTY-EIGHTH

The test of Christians is not only in what they say but in what they do.

June

TWENTY-NINTH

May the lips human, to-day, express the message
divine!

THIRTIETH

There was never anyone in the world who did any-
thing worth while who was not found fault with by
some one.

July

I am thankful this America of ours is growing in power and influence and I believe that this republic of ours is to be a missionary to all lands and she will have a voice that will reach farther and farther until it will reach into the uttermost bounds of the universe.

July

FIRST

The man who can vote and won't vote, ought to be voted out.

SECOND

In order to walk with God a man doesn't have to get out of the world. Enoch walked with God and men both.

THIRD

One of the great hindrances and dangers of our generation is that we have no time to hear the voice of God.

FOURTH

Human history in this nation is divine history, the working out of a divine problem and a divine issue.

FIFTH

God has exceedingly hard work to get us to do something without the pay for it being in sight.

SIXTH

Between you and God there is a gate, a flood gate; you can open and shut it, just as you please.

SEVENTH

The happiest life ever lived is the life that is lived by the faith of the Son of God.

July

EIGHTH

It is a sin for you to allow others to do all the work that God intended for you.

NINTH

Righteousness was never popular in this world and it isn't yet.

TENTH

You can't keep good and evil in the same heart very long. Either the evil must go out or the good will take its departure.

ELEVENTH

If we had better memories, we would be better workmen and Christians both.

TWELFTH

Patriotism is a bigger thing than any party's theory of finance.

THIRTEENTH

Christianity brings to mankind the hope of an endless life.

FOURTEENTH

Borderland Christians are in perilous surroundings. The danger line is along the border.

July

FIFTEENTH

At it, all at it, and always at it, ought to be the motto of every believer.

SIXTEENTH

Money is a thing a few people affect to despise, all want, and none refuse.

SEVENTEENTH

Custom may purify as well as pollute, be helpful as well as hurtful.

EIGHTEENTH

The way to conquer is to surrender to Jesus Christ. The best way to keep your soul is to give it to Him.

NINETEENTH

A most important point in your career is the beginning. Make it right.

TWENTIETH

Get on to the mountains of God and get a new vision of His beauty, and how you will long for Him.

TWENTY-FIRST

What is in your mind presages what is most likely to follow in your life.

July

TWENTY-SECOND

The greatest bargains are not always found where the advertisements are the largest.

TWENTY-THIRD

It is easier to copy than to create, to imitate than to invent.

TWENTY-FOURTH

Seek that pleasure that shall inspire a life, that men shall admire and God applaud.

TWENTY-FIFTH

First ground your soul in Him, and then investigate. Take hold of the line that is securely fastened in the light ere you begin to explore the darkened places.

TWENTY-SIXTH

It is a great thing for one who goes into battle to have a general who knows both military tactics and the lay of the land.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

What we put away from us determines what is put away for us, and also what will stay with us.

TWENTY-EIGHTH

Friendship is a union of individuals founded on mutual respect and esteem.

July

TWENTY-NINTH

The soul deprived of every comfort, and every human resource may rejoice in the God of his salvation.

THIRTIETH

The strength of a man's life is in his habit.

THIRTY-FIRST

It is not the water in the ocean that sinks the ship, but the water in the ship, and not the evil in the world but the evil in you that drags you down.

August

GLAD SERVICE

What the Lord wants of us is a willing and glad service when called to do what may not be most tasteful to us as well as when summoned to what is according to our own heart's choice. One of our little girls in a recent children's meeting showed that she appreciated what her religion was intended to do for her, when she prayed: "Dear Jesus, help me to do what I don't want to do and do it pleasantly." Love for Christ ought to enable one to do without sulking the most distasteful of tasks, even as Jacob's love for Rachel made the seven years' service seem but a few days in spite of the drought by day and the frost by night, when sleep departed from his eyes.

August

FIRST

There are two great sources of delight, anticipation and reminiscence: the latter may be just as rich as the former, if you choose to make it so.

SECOND

The exceptional service in the kingdom of God, and out of it is the service that costs.

THIRD

Christ came that we might know how to live, not that we might exist; to help us up, not to twit us with being down.

FOURTH

God, in order to encourage His people, gives them promises.

FIFTH

Baptism is not saving, but it is showing salvation. It does not redeem a soul but it reveals the fact that we have put our trust in Him.

SIXTH

There is nothing in all this world more emphatic than contrasts. Ugliness never looks so repulsive as it does beside beauty, and beauty never looks more charming than when in companionship with homeliness.

SEVENTH

The choicest human commodity is character, and yet it is often destroyed for a trifle.

August

EIGHTH

The difference between sin and right is the difference between concord and discord.

NINTH

Many people hear "the word" and nothing comes of it, because the heart is preoccupied.

TENTH

If you do your best, you have done as well as any, for no one can do better than his best.

ELEVENTH

Piety can thrive anywhere, in the home, the office, in the street, amidst evil surroundings or good.

TWELFTH

The world still admires and loves a man that dares something.

THIRTEENTH

A promise is an assurance that something will be kept or done by and by.

FOURTEENTH

If there were fewer itching ears in the world there would be fewer tattling tongues.

August

FIFTEENTH

Enoch was in harmony with God, with a heart attuned to His heart, and so you can be.

SIXTEENTH

You can have the consciousness that you are acceptable to God if you walk with Him.

SEVENTEENTH

Christianity is not belief in a creed but trust in a Christ.

EIGHTEENTH

The best medicine that we get is sometimes bitter, and the best lessons that we learn are often learned in pain and hardship.

NINETEENTH

If your plan is opposed to the will of God, it is doomed to defeat.

TWENTIETH

Riches don't make the pillow any softer for the head when we come to lay it down for the last time.

TWENTY-FIRST

To give victory is God's part; to render obedience is ours.

August

TWENTY-SECOND

It is the holding out of a remedy, not the speaking of a reproof, that is going to help this world.

TWENTY-THIRD

The thing that made Paul ready to die was that there was life beyond.

TWENTY-FOURTH

A spiritual inventory is a profitable thing for every Christian.

TWENTY-FIFTH

Many a heart goes hungry for an appreciation that is treasured up in a heart that loves but does not find expression.

TWENTY-SIXTH

Any activity that we may put forth in another's vineyard doesn't make ours secure, unless it too is kept.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

To acknowledge a truth doesn't save a man. Only when he surrenders to it and lets it become operative in his life does salvation come.

TWENTY-EIGHTH

The purpose in our existence is to put something into life that we do not take out, to leave at our demise more than we brought when we came.

August

TWENTY-NINTH

Jesus Christ puts the choicest wares of heaven on the low shelf within the reach of the humblest of earth.

THIRTIETH

First to be told and then to tell, first to be taught and then to teach, first to discover and then to declare the spiritual truth within you, is the Christ-approved way for His church.

THIRTY-FIRST

It is not what we know but what we tell that enriches others.

September

ONE DAY AT A TIME

I remember when a lad riding into the country with my father that we seemed to be approaching a high and rugged hill around whose base ran a swift stream. I could see no road either leading over the mountain or around it. The road seemed to end just ahead. I was worried as to how we were ever going to get over the hill. I asked my father what we should do. He simply laughed and drove right on. The roadway was clear and smooth as far as we went and opened up to us as we went ahead until I could clearly behold a way leading around the mountain between its base and the river. My trouble was in wanting to see too far ahead. So many of our troubles come from our desire to see more than a day's journey ahead. We are exhausted by trying to carry the burdens of a week or a year at a time. We have only to face to-day's troubles or carry to-day's loads now. We can master them. Then let us do it, and leave to-morrow's until we reach them.

September

FIRST

Sin, Satan and Selfishness are a triple alliance that has been formed for your downfall and overthrow.

SECOND

Common services are good, but the uncommon one is the one that taxes our purses, our minds, and our powers in order to perform it.

THIRD

The "narrow way" and the "narrow gate" do not mean narrow minds, for we are to be like God.

FOURTH

Not only where one is but also what he has overcome in getting there settles how much credit is due him.

FIFTH

The sinner is welcome in God's house that he may have pardon for every transgression and forgiveness for every sin.

SIXTH

God's promises, oh, how comforting! Take them out of our lives and see how much of consolation is gone, and what emptiness is left.

SEVENTH

Habit is neither instinct nor intuition, but an acquisition.

September

EIGHTH

The best revelation ever made of the Christ, and the most enduring monument that is ever built to His memory, is a life animated by the spirit that animated Him.

NINTH

As you choose, you live. The character of your choice will determine the character of your conduct.

TENTH

Friendship may be a stumbling-block to ruin or a stepping-stone to happiness.

ELEVENTH

Three burdens are revealed in the Bible: The one we ought to bear, somebody else's; the one we must bear, accountability for our own lives; and the one we ought not to bear, anxiety about the future, which God is ready to take.

TWELFTH

It is the Rock that is higher than we for which we are all longing—the Rock that is above the waters defying the billows where safety is.

THIRTEENTH

Who can be a help like the God of Jacob?

FOURTEENTH

Pleasures ought to be chosen that will leave a pleasant taste, not a bitter one.

September

FIFTEENTH

Temper is something for which we are neither to be blamed nor praised, but for the control and use of which you and I, and no other, are responsible.

SIXTEENTH

That which we create not may modify that which we do create.

SEVENTEENTH

Sin is "coming short," "missing the mark"—coming short of God's ideal, missing the goal God has set for us.

EIGHTEENTH

Usage is unsteady and unreliable, yet it is followed by multitudes who make it their god and guide.

NINETEENTH

It is not sinful to love yourself, but it is a sin not to love anyone but yourself.

TWENTIETH

We thank Thee, O God, that Thou dost require us to take only one step at a time. Give us grace to take each step as it is revealed to us.

TWENTY-FIRST

Money procures many things, but not all things, nor the most precious and abiding.

September

TWENTY-SECOND

Man can sell his soul but he cannot buy it back with gold or silver or corruptible things, the only wares he has left after bargaining away his soul.

TWENTY-THIRD

Be well-to-do, but learn to do well.

TWENTY-FOURTH

A tongue may be a busy-body or a blessing-bringer, a gossip-scamper or a grace-sower.

TWENTY-FIFTH

Afflictions may be the weights that hold you down while you are looking for the sparkling jewel, as they do the diver while he picks the pearls from the ocean bed.

TWENTY-SIXTH

When God gave you germs of greatness He expected growth in greatness.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

When do you get the best view of Christ, when you are riding on the high tide of prosperity or battling with the deep waves of gloom?

TWENTY-EIGHTH

The thing that costs us little we care little about.

September

TWENTY-NINTH

As you decide, your deeds will be. What you settle in your mind will to a large degree settle what shall come into your life.

THIRTIETH

Jesus Christ came to bring what we had not, not what was ours already.

October

SEEMING MISTAKES

One Sunday evening at an after-meeting a young girl asked to be remembered in prayer. I intended to speak to her before she went out, but instead of going directly to her I went to the door to intercept another with whom I wished to speak, intending to speak to the other as she came down the aisle. Not knowing her very well, I picked out the one I supposed to be the right one and talked with her and found she wanted to be a Christian. But after she had gone out I ascertained from one of the deacons that it was the wrong girl, not the one who had arisen. But the spirit meant it all right and as a result I reached them both, so that what seemed to be a mistake was the carrying out of the spirit's purpose.

October

FIRST

It is not work but worry that destroys men. The Bible teaches us that we should do our best and trust the rest to God.

SECOND

God who created you with a free will will never over-ride that will.

THIRD

Just as surely as there are two ends to a railroad there are two ways and two destinies in life.

FOURTH

Repentance will bring forgiveness but it won't remove scars, recover wasted strength nor rebuild broken down walls.

FIFTH

The right hand of the Most High can change your sorrow into joy, your weakness into strength. Therefore, look up, believing, cheer up, stand up.

SIXTH

I believe in science; I believe in religion; I believe that God is the author of both.

SEVENTH

One's outfit for life in no inconsiderable degree conditions the income from life. He impoverishes his achievements who curtails his armament.

October

EIGHTH

No man can build an eternal habitation for you, but many of us can contribute the means to propel you and help you in deciding the style you will erect.

NINTH

It is a profitable thing for a person to sit down and count the probable cost before setting out in an enterprise or upon a career.

TENTH

The great question is not what my neighbor thinks of me, but am I like current coin before my God?

ELEVENTH

There isn't an emergency in your life when God will not stand by you.

TWELFTH

God's plan is bound to succeed. Your contrary plan may succeed for a while, but wait, the end is not yet.

THIRTEENTH

Divine wisdom consumed eighty years of Moses' life in getting him ready for forty years' work, but it made a success of him, and glorified God too.

FOURTEENTH

We are so impatient that too often we are not willing to wait long enough to consult God, and so plunge into disaster.

October

FIFTEENTH

Every man who has led a noble life has had an ideal as an inspiration.

SIXTEENTH

We borrow trouble when we have more of our own than we can manage, and go a long way in imagination to meet troubles that never come.

SEVENTEENTH

Get a man's heart on something and you have anchored him. The heart's affections are stronger than the intellect.

EIGHTEENTH

Christianity is not merely a sentiment in the mind but a sentiment clothed in everyday life.

NINETEENTH

When you lose your self respect you lose one of the holiest things in your life.

TWENTIETH

To make blunders is not evidence of great ability, yet no amount of ability will make one exempt from them.

TWENTY-FIRST

It is easier to see what we have done than to see what we are going to do, and easier to see the mistake in another life than to see it in our own.

October

TWENTY-SECOND

A man does not stand any less honored of men because he honors the Son of God.

TWENTY-THIRD

It is the thing for which we labor the hardest of which we are most jealous.

TWENTY-FOURTH

Bible religion in its spirit has fostered every brand of human learning, and is a promoter of, not a foe to, education.

TWENTY-FIFTH

Jesus Christ did not come into the world to create intellect but to direct it.

TWENTY-SIXTH

When God gives anyone a power or possession, an office or opportunity, it is given as a trust to be administered by him for the general weal.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

Riches in the heart are bad, riches in the hand may be good.

TWENTY-EIGHTH

In Christ I have a twofold revelation,—a manifestation of what God is, and a disclosure of what man is intended to be.

October

TWENTY-NINTH

God does for us what we cannot, not what we can. Men could roll away the stone from Lazarus' tomb, and they were asked to do it. The women could not remove the stone from Jesus' sepulcher and angels did it for them.

THIRTIETH

You can't accept a gift from Almighty God without having a responsibility attached to it.

THIRTY-FIRST

The best test of loyalty to country is not fireworks; not conning the laws of the land, but conforming to them.

November

IMPROVEMENT

God expects that the children shall be an improvement upon their parents and provides the means for promoting the end in view.

November

FIRST

The Christian is here for business and that business to correct and cure, to preserve and purify, uplift and uphold all that makes for the best and purest in human life.

SECOND

To tempt God means overdoing God's patience.

THIRD

Religion that will not run is risky, and faith that will not follow is faulty.

FOURTH

You and I must serve as crutches, if the weak ones are to stand.

FIFTH

If we would help with our hands, we would have more hope in our hearts.

SIXTH

Over all the world's history is the eye of the Father.

SEVENTH

We must see God's footsteps and point them out to the world.

November

EIGHTH

If the world is going to be saved, we must be in it, but we must be unlike it.

NINTH

Make your aspiration just as high as the life and character of Jesus Christ.

TENTH

As the bride holds the first place in the heart of the husband, so should the church be first among societies in the Christian's regard.

ELEVENTH

The crucial question is not what do you believe, but whom do you trust; not with which school of theology are you in agreement, but where is your deposit.

TWELFTH

The "ends of the earth" are coming to us, and it is our business to reveal Christ to them.

THIRTEENTH

You can't get to heaven on the ladder of mortality for one round is left out.

FOURTEENTH

It is not an evidence that you will succeed because you can tell why another failed, nor a sign you are perfect because you point out another's imperfection.

November

FIFTEENTH

God has committed to you for keeping and cultivation the most valuable thing in the world,—a soul.

SIXTEENTH

Habit is not made in a single moment nor by a single deed.

SEVENTEENTH

If you shut Christ out, you shut out the choicest agency in character formation.

EIGHTEENTH

We have been placed in this world not to be amused or admired, not to sigh or simper, but to be noble and ennobled, and to stand up and lift up somebody else.

NINETEENTH

Religion is a matter of attitude as well as attainments, of disposition as well as deportment, of spirit as well as service.

TWENTIETH

There have been more friendships broken by a rumor than by a deed, by misunderstandings than by misdeeds.

TWENTY-FIRST

The religion of Jesus Christ has a touch as well as a tongue.

November

TWENTY-SECOND

You can't estimate a man's character by his pocket-book or his bank account.

TWENTY-THIRD

Gaining a livelihood is not to be despised, but it is not the sole purpose for which we have been placed in the world and endowed with mighty powers of mind and soul.

TWENTY-FOURTH

We will have to come close to God if we save the world.

TWENTY-FIFTH

You do not enter the narrow gate to the broad way, nor do you enter the broad gate to the narrow way.

TWENTY-SIXTH

Be thankful for things you already have; thank Him for the experience you had in getting it; thank Him for what you did not get, and thank Him for what you have not yet attained.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

Diligence is an instant, earnest endeavor. Make an honest endeavor to do your best, and do it now.

November

TWENTY-EIGHTH

There is a place to begin as well as a way to begin.

TWENTY-NINTH

There are two things that are worth doing, one is to listen to God, and the other is to walk as He would have you.

THIRTIETH

The book of Proverbs is one of the best things for a business man, a good thing for a society woman, a guide for a preacher, and a help for the boy and girl.

December

MOMENTUM OF HABIT

While walking along with a package in each hand I came to a slippery incline, and as I attempted to ascend it I slipped back. Stepping back a few steps, I ran until I had acquired a momentum sufficient to carry me over the difficult place.

So by cultivating good habits we can acquire a momentum that will help us when we come to the difficult place in life or to the hour of temptation.

December

FIRST

It is easier to ask Him for what we want than to thank Him for what we get.

SECOND

If God is willing to daily bear our burdens, dearly beloved, let Him do it.

THIRD

The workman not to be ashamed is the one who keeps at his task until it is finished.

FOURTH

Christianity is not simply a life service; it is a love service.

FIFTH

Many kind words lose much of their value because not spoken until too late.

SIXTH

Every one of us has something that no one else can keep for us,—a vineyard of our own.

SEVENTH

Another man may put a thought into your mind or stir your soul, but you are responsible for what it does there.

December

EIGHTH

Sympathy is worth more than gold; it is beyond the price of rubies.

NINTH

All the knowledge you have in your brain does not enrich the world until you reveal it to the world.

TENTH

Because you are a Christian does not mean that there will not be a trial for you, but that there will be a trial-helper at your side.

ELEVENTH

Little! Oh, yes, little! But how God multiplies the little, making a few loaves feed the thousands and a handful of meal support a family.

TWELFTH

It is a great thing to be the object of another's affection and to be admitted to the sanctuary of another's heart.

THIRTEENTH

Jesus Christ does not force His way into any heart. He stands at the door and knocks.

FOURTEENTH

Worry about things that have not come means inefficiency in things that are here.

December

FIFTEENTH

A man that is going to have a harvest will do something beside look for it; he will have to work for it.

SIXTEENTH

A thornless rose is an anomaly in nature. A life made perfect without affliction is an unknown thing.

SEVENTEENTH

You may throw the rose out of the house, but the fragrance still lingers in the atmosphere.

EIGHTEENTH

The success of your life depends largely upon your improvement of the great and vital opportunities that present themselves.

NINETEENTH

Winning out is a process; it is not a single act.

TWENTIETH

He who is fretting over the rain of yesterday cannot enjoy the sunshine of to-day, any more than he who is bemoaning the past can get joy out of the present.

TWENTY-FIRST

When one man's wisdom fails, it is a call for another man to use his.

December

TWENTY-SECOND

We are indebted to this world for some things we did not order.

TWENTY-THIRD

The more you take up of another's burden, the lighter will be your own.

TWENTY-FOURTH

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." Never has there been one more precious.

TWENTY-FIFTH

Love is two-faced. It looks two ways, toward God and toward man. The commandments are summed up in the word "love."

TWENTY-SIX

You cannot raise a soul from "the Slough of Despond" by a single lift, nor lead the ensnackled from thralldom by a single word. Keep at it.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

The church stands in need of people like Onesiphorus who can do more than one thing.

TWENTY-EIGHTH

God does not say that when we enter the way that leads into His kingdom that no enemy will be there, but that He will be with us to meet the foe.

December

TWENTY-NINTH

When God wants to make a strong character He puts before the one who is to possess it something hard to do.

THIRTIETH

The great need of a sinful world is not so much to be reminded that it is wrong as a help to get right.

THIRTY-FIRST

In looking back over the past year, we may fold our hands and bow our heads, saying not despondently but hopefully, "God forgive me that it was not better," and take for our motto for the coming year, "Better, by the grace of God."



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